



Asian American Advisory Council

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

AAAC Minutes for January 22, 2020

2:00-4:00 pm Deerfield office, 1755 Lake Cook Road, 5th floor conference room or by phone. Call in #1-888-494-4032. Access code 867 761 1253.

Call to order by Linson at 2:08

Members present in person, Linson, Nancy, Saju, Sebastian, Barbara, Marjorie. Present by phone, George, Lily.

A correction was made to the November minutes. There was no meeting in December. Nancy made a motion to pass the minutes. Second by Saju. Minutes passed as corrected.

Accomplishments for 2019 were the Institute Day and Open House at the Deerfield office. Our organizing skills are improving.

Marjorie reported that the term 'Oriental' is out of the demographics and 'Asian' is being used. Region 5, Peoria and Region 6, Champaign are underutilized.

Goals for 2020 are the Institute Day.

Presentations to educate the council members.

Develop a calendar of events.

Counting Asian Americans correctly.

Develop resources for foster parents of Asian children. Reach out to the Youth Advisory Board and Foster parent board.

Create a list of resources for DCP and Placement.

The request for a meeting with the Director was tabled.

The African American Advisory Council has a tentative date for their Institute Day of 5/29/2020.

Our tentative date is 6/26/2020. Marjorie will contact National Louis University to check if the date is available.

Content for the Institute Day was discussed. Topics include the Family First Program, Cannabis usage- licensing and law enforcement, Asian parenting, Coconut generation – Sam George, author.

Recruitment of foster parents was brought up.

The process for hiring was discussed. OES and the Union may be invited to a joint council meeting.

Next meeting is 2/26/2020.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.